



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL FINANCE

REP. JAMES LOWER

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

12:00 PM

Room 521, House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance was called to order by Chair Lower.

The Committee Clerk read a letter from Speaker Chatfield notifying the committee of member changes, removing Representative Meerman and appointing Representative Markkanen.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Lower, Crawford, Calley, Howell, Eisen, Markkanen, Paquette, Ellison, Sowerby, Garza, Hope, Kuppa.

Absent/Excused: Rep. Marino.

Representative Crawford moved to adopt the meeting minutes from December 4, 2019. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5024 and HB 5025 before the committee:

HB 5024 (Rep. Sneller) A bill to amend 1846 RS 16, entitled "Of the powers and duties of townships, the election and duties of township officers, and the division of townships," (MCL 41.1a to 41.110c) by adding section 4a.

HB 5025 (Rep. Howell) A bill to amend 1846 RS 16, entitled "Of the powers and duties of townships, the election and duties of township officers, and the division of townships," by

amending section 110c (MCL 41.110c), as amended by 2015 PA 248, and by adding section 3c.

Representative Sneller testified in support of HB 5024 and Representative Howell testified in support of HB 5025.

Representative Howell moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 5024. The motion prevailed 12-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lower, Crawford, Calley, Howell, Eisen, Markkanen, Paquette, Ellison, Sowerby, Garza, Hope, Kuppaa.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Howell moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 5025. The motion prevailed 12-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lower, Crawford, Calley, Howell, Eisen, Markkanen, Paquette, Ellison, Sowerby, Garza, Hope, Kuppaa.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Brian Ellison, representing the Libertarian Party of Michigan, testified in opposition to HB 5024 and HB 5025.

Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified in support of HB 5024 and 5025.

Representative Crawford moved to refer House Bill No. 5024 to the committee on Ways and Means, with recommendation as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 11-1-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lower, Crawford, Calley, Howell, Eisen, Markkanen, Ellison, Sowerby, Garza, Hope, Kuppaa.

Nays: Rep. Paquette.

Pass: None.

Representative Ellison moved to refer House Bill No. 5025 to the committee on Ways and Means, with recommendation as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 12-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Lower, Crawford, Calley, Howell, Eisen, Markkanen, Paquette, Ellison,
Sowerby, Garza, Hope, Kuppa.
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

Representative Calley moved to excuse Representative Marino from the meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, Rep. James Lower adjourned the meeting at 12:06 PM.

Representative James Lower, Chair

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